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Sir:

This is a

☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);  
☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114  
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));  
☒ Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR  
§1.53(b);  
☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR  
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/953,954, filed September 18, 2001

for [Title as filed]: THIN-WALLED HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR  
REINFORCING THE SAME

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Yukihito ICHIKAWA and Koichi IKESHIMA

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

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2. [ ] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW		Basic Fee
Total claims	11 - 20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	\$750.00
Independent claims	2 - 3 = 0 x \$84.00 (*42.00) =	-
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4. [X] A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (Ck# 16732).  
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.

5. [X] Cancel in this application claims 1-5, 9-10, 14-15, 19-20 of the  
prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one  
independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
--This is a [X] Continuation [ ] Division of application Serial No.  
09/953,954 filed September 18, 2001 which in turn is a continuation  
of U.S. Serial No. 09/318,265 filed May 25, 1999, now U.S. Patent  
No. 6,352,756.--

7. [ ] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in said prior application  
which was not entered therein.

8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-171108, filed June 18,  
1998; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

[X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/318,265  
on August 24, 1999.

[ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.

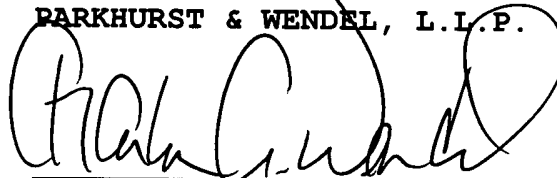
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.  
Recorded at Reel 010002, Frame 0861.
10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W.  
Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel,  
Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior  
application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers,  
a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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